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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Masato OTSUKA et al. Confirmation No: 9443
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Title : OPTICAL DISC, ILLEGAL COPY FINDING SYSTEM AND
METHOD USING OPTICAL DISC, OPTICAL DISC
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL DISC
MANUFACTURING METHOD

TC/A.U. : 2139
Examiner : A. F. Tabor

Docket No.: : OTSU3004/REF
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 23, 2008, in connection with the above identified application. This response is timely filed.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention which includes claims 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 18 and 21-23, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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